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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN REPORTED SEEKING US PLANES

1. THE APRIL 1 EDITION OF "THE HINDU" CARRIED AN
ARTICLE BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT EASWAR SAGAR
REPORTING THAT A PAKISTANI DEFENSE TEAM HAD VISITED
WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THE ACQUISITION OF US MILITARY
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AIRCRAFT ON THE CONDITION THAT THE GOP GIVE UP THE
FRENCH REPROCESSING PLANT. SAGAR DESCRIBES THIS
EXCHANGE AS HAVING ORIGINALLY BEEN PROPOSED BY SECRETARY
KISSINGER. THE CARTER GOVERNMENT "WHICH HAD DEVELOPED
A SPECIAL RAPPORT WITH THE NEW DESAI GOVERNMENT" IS
SAID TO HAVE CANCELLED THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS'S
OFFER OF THE A-7 "BECAUSE IT DID NOT WANT TO SOW

INSTABILITY IN THE REGION."

2. "THE HINDU" CORRESPONDENT REPORTS THAT ZIA IS SEEN IN WASHINGTON AS NOT AS "OBSESSED" AS BHUTTO WAS IN OBTAINING THE REPROCESSING PLANT AND THEREFORE THE GOP MIGHT GIVE UP THE REPROCESSING PLANT FOR THE A-7'S, IF THE US IS NOW WILLING TO CONSIDER SUCH A DEAL. "IT IS NOT KNOWN FOR CERTAIN WHO BROACHED THE SUBJECT FIRST", SAGAR OBSERVES, BUT THE PRESENT USG IS "NOT ABOVE USING ARMS SALES AS A LEVER TO ADVANCE ITS NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES." JOSEPH NYE IS QUOTED AS HAVING RECENTLY SAID: "TO THE EXTENT THAT OTHER NATIONS RELY ON THE U.S. FOR THE SUPPLY OF THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS FOR WHICH THEY HAVE REASONABLE NEEDS TO ASSURE THEIR OWN SECURITY, THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT OUR CONVENTIONAL ARMS SALES ALSO PLAY A PART IN AFFECTING MOTIVATIONS TO TURN TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS." GOHEEN

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